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RESPONSE TO 24 AUGUST 2004 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Nguyen:

In response to the 16 November 2004 Notice of Incomplete Reply, Applicant requests that the Japanese reference citation be withdrawn. This reference is cited on numerous of Applicants prior patents, but the Japanese patent number does not correspond to a Japanese patent related to this art. If Applicant locates this reference, Applicant will submit it in a subsequent IDS.

For similar reasons, Applicant requests that the two NEDO Brochures be withdrawn. If Applicant locates these references, Applicant will also submit them in a subsequent IDS.

Applicant would note, however, that these references were previously submitted to the Patent Office in other applications of the Applicant, Dr. Alexander I. Kalina.

Applicant believes that the US references submitted with the IDS represent the state of the art for purposes of Examining the present application.

If it would be of assistance in resolving any issues in this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact applicant's attorney Robert W. Strozier at 713.977.7000

Date: December 16, 2004

Respectfully submitted

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